

# HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND SITUATION REPORT

## PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

REPORT #: 3	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10/20/09-10/26/09	DATE: 10/20/09	TIME: 13:00
Incident Name/Incident Type: H1N1 Response			MISSION #: 09-2887
Locations/Areas Affected: King County			
HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND CENTER (ACC) STATUS			
ACC Activation Status:	<u>ACTIVATED</u>		
Location:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Site:	
Hours of Operations:	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour Ops.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Days/Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Off Hours Emergency Contact 24/7: Public Health Duty Officer

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS/DECLARATIONS

JURISDICTIONS	NAME OF JURISDICTION	DATE	COMMENTS
County Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Washington State Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Federal Health Declaration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sunday, 4/26/2009	The Department of Health and Human Services issued a nationwide public health emergency declaration in response to recent human infections with a newly discovered swine influenza A (H1N1) virus
Federal Disaster Declaration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

## RESPONSE GOALS

- Protect the public's health by minimizing the spread of H1N1 influenza in the community.
- Achieve situational awareness about flu activity in King County and impacts on the healthcare system and the broader community
- Support the informational and medical resource needs of healthcare partners
- Maintain consistent and timely public information about H1N1 flu and response activities
- Maximize availability of H1N1 vaccine to protect the public's health
- Maintain continuity of Public Health operations

## SUMMARY OF EVENT

### CURRENT SITUATION

Several indicators continue to show rising influenza activity in King County. Since the beginning of September, 51 hospitalizations for influenza have been reported, including 1 death. Twenty five hospitalizations are confirmed to be 2009 H1N1, and the majority of others are expected to be 2009 H1N1 as well.

Seventeen of 19 King County school districts are reporting absenteeism through our automated system. Ninety-eight

percent of elementary schools, 85% of middle schools and 65% of high schools had less than 10% absenteeism for the week ending October 17<sup>th</sup>.

- Fifteen percent of middle schools are reporting absenteeism between 10-20%
- Twenty-eight percent of high schools are reporting absenteeism between 10-20%

## **H1N1 VACCINE**

Public Health learned that manufacturing delays in the production of H1N1 vaccine led to a significant decrease in the expected number of doses currently available nationwide. Each Friday, Public Health is notified of the amount of vaccine that will be allocated to King County and available for order by vaccine providers. On Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>, Public Health learned that the amount of vaccine that would be available to order during the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> would be approximately 55% of the originally anticipated weekly allocation (allocated 37,290 doses for the week). To date, King County has been allocated a total of 89,705 doses of vaccine.

The vaccine allocation strategy continues to focus on providing priority vaccine access to healthcare and EMS workers, and to individuals in high risk target groups (persons at high risk for hospitalization and complications) through healthcare providers and specialty facilities.

The target populations for vaccination are:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age (e.g. parents, siblings, daycare providers)
- All people from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons 25 through 64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza
- Healthcare and Emergency Medical Services personnel

On Wednesday, October 21, Public Health Centers will begin providing vaccine to its existing clients that fall within the priority groups at all Public Health Center locations.

In addition, beginning Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> four Public Health Centers will also be offering free H1N1 flu vaccinations to King County residents through age 64 who 1) do not have health insurance and 2) who have significant health problems, including heart disease, lung disease, asthma, kidney disease, diabetes, seizure disorders, and HIV/AIDS. For more information including locations and times see [www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1](http://www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1) or call the Public Health Flu Hotline at 1-877-903-KING (5464)

## **PUBLIC HEALTH FLU HOTLINE**

Beginning Tuesday, October 20 the Public Health Flu Hotline is staffed with general operators and nurses to provide H1N1 information, including questions related to vaccine availability and medical triage by nurses. The Flu Hotline number is 1-877-903-KING (5464). Operators and nurses are available Monday-Friday 9am 5pm. The recorded messages are available 24 hours daily.

## **HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND – OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

1. Maintain situational awareness regarding flu activity in King County and impacts on the healthcare system and the broader community.
2. Continue to monitor and support the availability of antivirals.
3. Activate the Public Health Call Center to manage questions from providers and the public about vaccine availability.
4. Maintain timely public education and communication regarding availability of vaccine.
5. Allocate available formulations for H1N1 vaccine to PH, EMS and healthcare providers.

6. Activate the Public Health clinic H1N1 vaccination sites.

#### MAJOR ACTIONS

- Ongoing influenza surveillance
- Hosted infection control conference call with healthcare providers
- Distributed Tamiflu® to community dispensing sites throughout King County
- Developing antiviral distribution plan for Tamiflu® oral suspension
- Hosting reoccurring conference calls with regional pharmacies regarding commercial availability of Tamiflu® supplies
- Activated Public Health Flu Hotline with general operators and nurses to answer H1N1 influenza questions
- Developing communication materials and addressing media inquiries regarding H1N1 vaccine delivery
- Allocated currently available H1N1 vaccine formulations
- Preparing Public Health Center sites to provide H1N1 vaccine to existing clients
- Finalizing plans to provide free H1N1 vaccine to uninsured individuals through age 64 with serious health conditions

#### ESF-8 SITUATION STATUS REPORT – H1N1

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